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North Bronson Former Facilities Site

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The North Bronson Former Facilities Site (NBFF) is related to the North Bronson Industrial Area Superfund Site, is located downstream from the County Drain #30 and the 2 sets of lagoons. The Site consist of three former industrial facilities that operated in the area in the early to late/mid 1900's. These facilities used the industrial sewer to transport their liquid wastes to the lagoons of the Superfund site. The three former facilities included:

- Bronson Reel - OU1
- L.A. Darling - OU2
- Scott Fetzer - OU3

These companies no longer operate in the area and they are not owner's of the properties.

As a result of negotiations for OU2 of the Superfund site, EPA began informal discussions with these parties during the early part of 2001 and issued Special Notice Letters to begin formal negotiations for the RI/FS on July 5, 2001.

Each party is responsible for their own area (OU) and a separate AOC and SOW was developed for each OU. There has been previous investigative work performed by MDEQ for the L.A. Darling facility and for the Bronson Reel, the PRP in the past was required by the State to perform clean-up with regards to the soil and removal of USTs. RI/FS for these OUs are expected to be streamlined and data collected in the past is expected to be utilized and complimented with this RI work. Minimal work was performed in the past for the Scott Fetzer facility, except for demolition of buildings and fencing by the State District.

Negotiations are currently ongoing, Good Faith Offer was received on September 10, 2001. U.S. EPA met with the PRPs to discuss the SOWs and AOCs on October 18, 2001. An extension to negotiations is needed to complete negotiations by the end of January. Hold up has been primarily on our side. After we met in October and discussed AOCs and SOWs PRPs turned around the documents (clean versions) with agreed upon changes, to EPA. ORC is reviewing documents.

Due to the nature of the work for L.A. Darling (OU2) - Work Plan for RI/FS was submitted in May 2001 and resubmitted in September 2001. It was partially approved in October 2001. Some field work commenced in October 2001. A field visit and technical meeting is scheduled for

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November 13, 2001.

MDEQ needs to submit application for funding for PRP oversight/management assistance. They are currently utilizing funds provided for negotiations. Due to the fact that U.S. EPA has yet no oversight contractor on board, MDEQ has been assisting in field visits as necessary.